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DESERT EARS MEET

A number of visitors swelled attendance to 54 at the February meeting of the Desert Ears C. B. Club.

President Bert Campbell presided at the session in the Homestead Association Hall in Landers.

Visitors are always welcome at the meetings held the second Sunday of the month, preceded by a pot-luck.

Guests included Charles and Clara Cleland, Twenty-nine Palms; Bill, Marjorie and Cindy Correll, Joshua Tree; the Harneds, George and Adeline, Twenty-nine Palms; Chuck and Jo Walsh, Riverside React, and Dale and Esther Strines, San Diego.

The next board meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., March 1, at the home of the president, in Timico Acres.

10-12 News Break

Buckhorn Roberts has announced that publication of the 10-12 News Break has come to a regretful end. He will continue his radio broadcast from K-FOX, and asks that all citizens band news be sent to him at K-FOX, c/o International Towers, 666 East Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, Cal. 90802, or to him at 11829 South Louis Ave., Whittier, Cal. 90605.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

Efforts to organize a search and rescue posse in Johnson Valley are progressing. Sixteen persons attended the organization meeting at the Campbell home. All signed up for the Red Cross first aid class.

A trial run was held Feb. 3, starting from the Chisel Inn.

Participants include Norman Grant, Harold Surber, J. L. Steen, Buz and Ona Lamb, Bea Roush, Joe DeVictoria, Golda Gunning, Dick DuBois, Burl Moore, Jack Inns, Richard Dumond, Marie Stanley, and Bert and Lucille Campbell.

Valleyites are invited to participate. Meetings are held at the Chisel Inn.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Johnson Valley residents who travel 26 miles to their voting precinct are looking forward to a polling place here in the Valley. This will materialize when there are sufficient registered voters. Deputy registrar of voters in Johnson Valley is Alex Chernoff.

PROTESTS REGISTERED

Several residents protested the proposed location of the rubbish disposal facility at the February meeting of the Grandview Improvement Association.

Survey stakes have been placed at the site in the southwest part of Section 24. The site awaits approval and transfer of title from the land office to the county.

Residents objected to the possibility of smoke and odors, plus increased traffic, possibly over their properties.

Members of the Association welcomed the critics and urged them to join the organization so that all may work together to seek a new site.

Alex Chernoff, GIA president, explained that the site was selected by the county, and the proper agency to contact for any change is the San Bernardino Department of Public Works. Access roads must be located on easements, he pointed out.

Plans call for a burn - cut -and fill dump, but he suggested a request could be made for cut and fill only. Equipment travels a regular route to service each county disposal facility, to burn and cover. Only a portion of the area is used for dumping, but selection involves taking a larger area to provide for more adequate control.

Although there is obviously room on the desert for a remote site, the facility must be close enough to residences to encourage the use of it. Refuse is now dumped on roads, in canyons and other undesirable places. The closest dump is near Landers.

Rocky Nelson, past GIA president, pointed out that for the past ten years the association has been urging residents to participate in activities and help make the decisions. He was joined by several veteran members in urging all property owners to attend the meetings.

It is anticipated that the county board will hold a public hearing before a final decision is made.

Named to serve on the committee with Chernoff were Lillian L. Sweeney, chairman, and Oscar W. Olson and Silvano Mazzi.

The next meeting of the association is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., March 2, in the community building on Larrea Road, one and a half miles south of the paved highway, northeast of Rock Corral.

THE OLD HORNED TOAD

This a month for the old horned toad to be chagrined, so I am glad it is a short month. In the first place, apparently there are no horned toads, only horned lizards, so I don't exist. Secondly, we had incorrect box number for Wally's Garage in our largest edition to date. And third, I have to admit from down here under my rock, that I have added respect for the human race after attending the February meeting of the Grandview Improvement Association.

Several persons attended the G.I.A. meet, understandably quite agitated at the prospect of a smoky, smelly dump close to their homes, of which they had only recently become aware. More than an hour was spent in discussion of the proposed dump site so that all could have their say.

Veteran GIA members cordially welcomed those who came to protest. It was explained that the site has not received final approval. The protestors were invited to join the association and to work with members in investigating the possibility of a different location. There was no secrecy in the selection, it was explained. The Association has long sought new members to join in working for the good of the community as it grows and develops.

The protestors responded gracefully, joined the association, and accepted appointment to the committee. That does not happen often, and this old horned toad has attended more than 2,000 public meetings in the San Gabriel Valley area in the past 15 years. That GIA meet was enough to make a lizard come out from under his rock and join the human race.

Visitors to our pad this month included Arcadia's Chief of Police Robert S. Seares and his wife, Harriet. Mrs. Seares is a high school teacher and member of a curriculum revision committee doing a terrific job in bringing curriculum up-to-date in these "parlous times." The Seares have a married daughter who, with her husband, is in the Peace Corps in South America; a son who was an exchange student to S.A. at the age of 16, and two other children. Chief Seares is a long-time member of the state committee on standards for peace officers, no easy job right now. And with all these goings-on, the Seares have chosen the desert as the location for their retirement home. They have recently purchased land in Lucerne Valley, and hope to begin building this spring. They are active members of the S.B. County Museum Association, and went on the last trip to the Calico "digs." We hope they will be frequent visitors to Johnson Valley.

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OH, HORRORS DEPT.

A recipe for Early American Bread begins: "Take a package of instant refrigerated biscuits -" Grandma must have been holding out on us.

RECREATION PARK

The proposed recreation park at Rock Corral took a leap towards limbo this month, with word that a Nevada cattleman still has a long-term lease on the land, according to an announcement made at the GIA meeting.

Johnson Valley residents are seeking a park to be used for Easter sunrise services, group picnics and similar events.

Federal approval is required for the park. Those interested in furthering the project may write to Tom H. W. Loomis, valuation engineer for the Bureau of Land Management, 1414 Eighth St., Riverside, California.

CHIT CHAT

Ernie Dunbar flew in from Long Beach to land on the Valley airstrip for a visit with the Jarvises.

New neighbors who bought the Jones' home are the Halbritters.

The Byhowers have purchased the J. M. Thompson home.

Mervin Sharp is home after his visit to the hospital and says many thanks to all his friends who sent cards and other words of encouragement during his hospitalization.

Completing the standard and the advanced Red Cross first aid courses were Bea Roush, Ruby Piner and Deane Piner.

Weekend guests at the cabin of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Grisotti were daughter Jeannie and husband Terry, and friends Jim and Peggy.

Patsy Dumond and Coot Coutant observed their birthdays at the Coutant cabin last Saturday. Guests included Marie and Sarge Stanley, Lois and Woody Shehorn, and all the Dumonds except Nancy, who was under the weather.

New neighbors of the Raber Road people are Joe and Lucile Lagali.

Marie and Sarge Stanley are bragging about their fifteenth great-grandchild. The nine-pound boy was a Valentine for Teresa and Frank Brown, of La Puente. That makes two boys for the Browns. Marie's daughter Audrey is the proud grandmother.

The Stanleys have a total of two dozen grandchildren.

Sorry to hear that Buckhorn Roberts is ill and can no longer publish his 10-12 News Break which was enjoyed by the CBers. He is an honorary member of the local CB Club, the Desert Ears.

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE

Membership in the Grandview Improvement Association is open to all, although only property owners in Johnson Valley may hold office.

Dues are \$2.50 a person and \$5 a couple. Guests are always welcome and may participate in the discussions, but only members may vote, according to the by-laws.

Meetings usually conclude with a social hour providing an opportunity for all to get acquainted.

President this year is Alex Chernoff.

The Association was formed ten years ago and has suffered the normal amount of growing pains. It now appears to be on firm footing and was recently expanded to include the entire Johnson Valley.

Members raised money and built the community building on a pay-as-you-go basis. Now under construction are restroom facilities and a kitchen. On completion, the building can be made available for community activities.

Matters being discussed by the group include telephone installation, water systems and districts, roads, public park, and a disposal site.

Next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 2, in the community building on Larrea Road.

Interested persons may join the GIA by mailing dues to the Grandview Improvement Association, Star Route 2, Box 755, Yucca Valley, Calif., 92284.

MEET ME AT OLIN'S FEED STORE

IN LUCERNE VALLEY, WHERE THE

BEST COSTS LESS.

Mel Olin, Prop.

Fourteen members of the Hi-Desert C. B. Club attended the last meeting of the Desert Ears C. B. Club in Johnson Valley.

HAVE YOUR SAY

To express your opinion of a rubbish disposal site in Johnson Valley, write to Rex Garrett, Rubbish Disposal Engineer, Highway Department, San Bernardino County, 825 E. Third St., San Bernardino, Calif.

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JOHNSON VALLEY HAPPENINGS by Aileen DeVictoria

Bill Cotter Night was observed at the Chisel Inn on Feb. 3, with a party in his honor. A large group of friends and neighbors turned out to express appreciation to Bill for the help he's given when it's most needed.

Bea Roush is visiting a sister in Long Beach who is reportedly recovering from a heart attack. Bea's other sister, Goldie Hopper, has been there since the holidays, and plans to return with Bea.

Woody Shehorn almost didn't attend his surprise birthday party at the Chisel Inn on Feb. 10. Woody was settled for a quiet evening at home, when Lois fabricated a pool date with friends at the Inn. Woody kindly agreed to go, and found anything BUT a quiet night. And as always when Woody is around, it was a great evening.

It is easy to tell of the pleasant happenings in the area, but amidst it all came the sad news that our good friend David Hodges passed away Feb. 9, a shock to us all. Mr. and Mrs. Hodges had only recently completed a lovely home here, and were looking forward to becoming permanent residents. We all extend deepest sympathy to Mrs. Hodges and the family.

Charlie Rope has been in Veterans' Hospital for a check-up. He reports encouraging news and that he has gained six pounds. Best regards Charlie, and we look forward to your return.

The old flu bug is still hanging around. Frances West was recovering from a severe case when Mark came down with it. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Mark.

Jeeping cross country in trace of some missing cattle on a recent Sunday, were Burl and Thelma Moore, Golda Gunning, and Mr. Stine and family. They found tracks, but no cattle. They plan a more extended search. Information regarding the truants will be appreciated.

CHURCH NEWS

Landers Community Church
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Dixie Mine Road.

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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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A dry chemical extinguisher and a water extinguisher can be bought for \$37.50 for the pair, through the Grandview Improvement Association.

Orders will be taken at the March 2 GIA meeting. It is planned that on delivery, a demonstration in the use of the equipment will be given. Date and location will be announced at the Saturday evening meeting, according to the discussion at the February session.

The dry chemical powder suffocates the blaze, reduces danger of reigniting, and is suitable for gasoline and car fires. The water extinguisher, using "thin water" as an additive, breaks down surface tension and allows the water to penetrate, it was explained at the meeting.

Membership in the association is not required of those wishing to participate in the group purchase.

COMPETITION

Just when we thought The Desert Whispers had it made, competition appears on the scene. Little Suzanne Dunton has come out with a beautifully hand-written EXTRA, with "comices," want ads and a crossword puzzle. Job openings include someone to carry lime to the backhouse at \$5 a week.

Suzanne, please go muscle in on Los Angeles Herald territory. They need you. You're too much for us.

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Eva Hibbard back and forth to Pomona to visit her daughter during illness.

The framework rising just west of the Jacobs' is the new home of the Wishdanks, from Los Angeles.

Here over Lincoln's birthday were Al and Mary Mercy, and Art and Fern Gullet.

Norm Grant is spending a full week here.

New property owners in section 2 are Ralph Hernandez and a brother.

FOR WOMEN ONLY

An intrepid group of women meets on a regular schedule, 1 p.m., Wednesdays, at the pool table in the Chisel Inn. Any resemblance to the professional game is no coincidence. All women are welcome to join in the fun.

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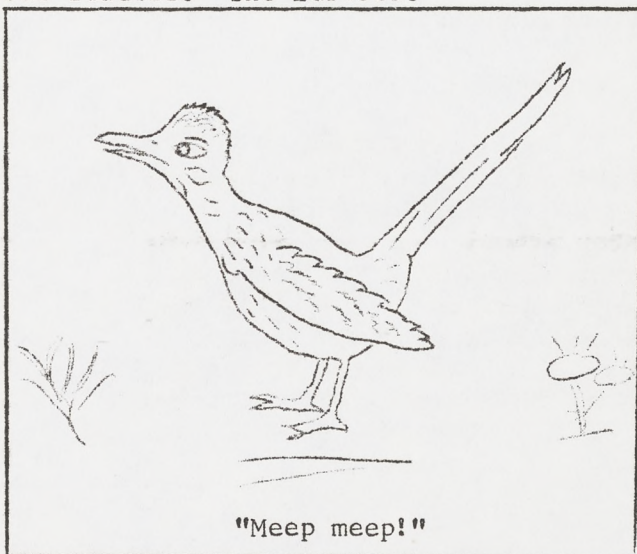
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WELCOME TO NEW READERS

With this, the sixth edition of "The Desert Whispers," we welcome sixty new subscribers. Many sent in helpful comments and suggestions which are very much appreciated. Please let us know what you like and dislike in the paper so that we can strive to make it of interest to our readers. -The Editors.



Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes.

-Oscar Wilde

Men are most apt to believe what they least understand.

-Montaigne